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## Success Common Feeling as Ramadan Ends



One-year-old Aden Kahn reaches for his father Ayaz Khan as he and other men bow in prayer. Young and old gathered to celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr, the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

Chris Machian

**ZAHRA CHEEMA**

Features Editor

Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting, is over. Jan. 6 was the last day most Muslims fasted and on Jan. 9 they celebrated Eid-ul-Fitr.

"Eid-ul-Fitr is the festival of fast-breaking," said Raheem Yaseer, a religious authority on Islam and UNO's coordinator of international exchange programs.

"The celebration spans three days, but the main celebration is on the first day."

On Eid-ul-Fitr, Muslims get together at a mosque

(Islamic place of worship) or at a community center to pray the special Eid prayer.

"They dress in new holiday attire and greet each other with 'Eid Mubarak' which means 'blessed eid,'" Yaseer said. "The whole purpose of Eid is for Muslims to thank God for giving them the tolerance and patience throughout the month of fasting. One very important thing in this Eid is the giving of a special obligatory charity — Zakat-ul-Fitr, which is given to the needy."

UNO sophomore Saima Choudry feels very satisfied after fasting every day for a month.

"At the end of it all, I always have an overwhelming sense of accomplishment that I made it through the

month," Choudry said.

"Ramadan becomes easier and easier every year. You get accustomed to it and understand more about it each year."

UNO senior Fariba Ahmed also fasted throughout the month.

"I feel that we just went through a very holy month and that we should pray to Allah to accept our prayers."

In most countries children receive presents or money for Eid from their elders.

Ahmed enjoyed celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr.

"My Eid was great. I got together with friends and loved ones to share the happiness of Eid."

## UNO Welcomes the Millennium's Newest Citizens in Ceremony

**CHRISTINA KADLEC**

Editor-in-Chief

On the first day of the new millennium, 105 individuals from 25 countries became citizens of the United States in a naturalization ceremony held at UNO's William H. Thompson Alumni Center. The ceremony, which took place at 10 a.m., was the only naturalization ceremony in the nation on New Year's Day.

"Omaha, Nebraska, in the heartland of America, is the perfect place to welcome the nation's newest citizens," said Omaha City Councilman Lormong Lo in his address.

Lo, who immigrated to the U.S. as a refugee from Laos in 1976, said it is up to the new citizens to take their opportunities to contribute to American society.

"America only promises you the opportunity, the pursuit of happiness," Lo said. "It is up to you to make that happen."

The majority of the new citizens were from Mexico (39) and Viet Nam (35). Other immigrants were from places such as Russia, El Salvador, Ireland, India, Britain, Jordan, Belarus, Poland, Cambodia, Spain and others.

The ceremony opened with the presentation of the colors by the Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard. The Corps Reflections choir sang the national anthem early in the ceremony and later performed "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful."

Deputy Clerk Mary Beth Baker opened and closed the session. Her daughter, fourth-grader Kristen Marie Baker, led all attendees in the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

Jerry Heinauer of Immigration and Naturalization Service welcomed speakers and read a letter from Congressman Doug Bereuter of Nebraska welcoming the new citizens. Gary Thomas of INS read the roll call of immigrants petition-

ing for citizenship.

Two of the new citizens gave speeches to the family, friends and officials present. Karen Maya van den Boogaart, originally from Chile and Germany, said her hopes for her new country include advancement in the arts and sciences, as well as in human rights.

"We all have a chance, and it is up to us to make our new country proud that they have let us in," she said.

Sheila Flipse, originally from the United Kingdom, also addressed the audience.

"A citizen of the United States of America — hallelujah," Flipse said. Flipse is director of Lydia House.

Other speakers included Omaha Postmaster EvaJon Sperling, Acting District Director of the Omaha District INS Office Michael Went, Lt. Gov. David Maurstad and U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas D. Thalken.

Sperling said in her address

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## Y2K Preparations Pay Off at UNO

**JANET STYFFE**

News Editor

The new year has arrived with no notable complications at UNO related to the Y2K date change, said Ken Aasen, director of administrative computing at UNO.

According to the Y2K status update released on Jan. 3, "At midnight on Jan. 1 when the date rollover occurred, no immediate problems were encountered at UNOmaha."

Since the release of that statement, there have been only a few minor problems reported, Aasen said. "Overall, things have been very good."

UNO has been preparing for the date change for two years. "A lot of work went in behind the scenes," Aasen said. This included not only computing, but also facilities and individual colleges on campus.

"It's been a long three, four, five months, the last two years even," Aasen said.

UNO prepared for two possible levels of problems that could have been caused by the failure of computers to differentiate between the

years 2000 and 1900.

The first level of problems were related to telecommunications, environmental controls and the power supply to the university. UNO prepared for the possibility of full or partial power outages lasting up to or over four hours. None of these occurred.

The second level of problems were computer-related problems including network interruptions or shutdowns and data loss or corruption. To minimize the impact of any possible problem that could have occurred, the Y2K Committee at UNO suggested that all data be backed up and requested all file server system administrators take their file servers down for the hours surrounding midnight Jan. 1.

Though so far no major interruptions or other problems have been reported, "something could come up later," Aasen said.

One of the next dates to be aware of for potential problems is Feb. 29, 2000. This is because leap years do not occur in years ending in "00" unless the year can be divided by four. The last time this happened was 1600.

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## College of Education Set to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

**KRISTINA COAN**

Staff Writer

Alumni, faculty and students of UNO's College of Education have an extra-special reason for celebrating the new millennium. The year 2000 marks the 50th anniversary for the college, and participants said it has been an eventful run.

It was 1950 and post-war America found itself needing more educators and more programs capable of training them. While Omaha University, as UNO was then called, had been preparing teacher and educators since 1929, the Board of Regents recognized the need for a more formal program.

"A department of education in the College of Arts and Sciences had been established in 1929 and trained many educators until the increased need for teachers following World War II led to the need to establish a separate college," said Ron Burmood, professor of education.

According to Burmood, the mission of the College of Education has been to promote excellence through quality instruction, research and scholarly activity and service. The accomplishments of the past 50 years have proven that the College of Education is more than capable of reaching these goals.

There are currently 60 full-time and 150 part-time faculty members who deliver instruction to more than 1,400 undergraduates and 900 graduate stu-

dents. A few of the opportunities offered to the students are classroom and field experience, honors programs and mentoring opportunities.

"It is impressive to review the list of graduates of the college. Forty-seven percent of the certified staff in the Omaha Public Schools hold their highest degree from the college," Burmood said.

Research and scholarly activity are two other core missions of the college.

The faculty continually finds ways to better prepare students for the real-life challenges they will face as educators. This involves researching the changing educational environment and providing students with the opportunity to get hands-on experience.

Part of this process has been acknowledging the need for programs that prepare educators as well as various other professionals.

"There are 15,000 alumni in professional positions throughout the nation," Burmood said. "Today the college prepares not only educators, but also professionals in the areas of counseling, community health, exercise science and recreation and speech-language pathology."

Milo Bail, the president of Omaha University in 1950, felt that the creation of the new college was "timely and an important step in the University's expanding program of service to the citizens of the community."

The College of Education has con-

tinued to prove Bail right by striving to build ties with the Omaha community. An important part of this relationship began in 1988 with the start of the Metropolitan Omaha Educational Consortium.

"The consortium with the college and the seven major Metropolitan area school districts maintains a collaborative effort that benefits student form all participating institutions," Burmood said.

Other community programs that have been founded during the first 50 years are the Community Counseling Clinic, the Reading Clinic and the Speech-Language Clinic.

The theme for the anniversary celebration is "Teaming for Excellence." The college plans on celebrating its accomplishments year round, and has already planned major events for March and April. So far, a gala dinner and a "Celebrate Education" fair have been set for March 4.

"(The fair) will have approximately 40 interactive displays that will provide an interest to K-12 students, educators, parents and their children, as well as College of Education students and faculty," Burmood said.

The April festivities will include a luncheon that will honor eight alumni for their outstanding achievements. For more information on these events, call 554-3530.

## Disorderly Conduct Charges Dismissed in Shradar Case

**RYAN NORRIS**

Staff Writer

The disorderly conduct charges placed against Jon Shradar, former student/president regent, were dismissed Jan. 3. The charges resulted from an incident at the UNO-Northwest Missouri State University football game last season, when Shradar was handcuffed and led out of the game after a fight broke out.

The case was set for trial that Monday at the Douglas County Court House and was dismissed "due to lack of prosecution," said James Schaefer, Shradar's attorney.

"I've maintained from the beginning that I didn't think that I should have been arrested and it ends up I shouldn't have been," Shradar said.

This was the second occasion that a group of witnesses who were supposed to testify against Shradar did not show up.

The original trial date was set for Dec. 7, and the three or four witnesses from NWMSU did not show up at that time either, Schaefer said.

Shradar, 22, a public relations major, has denied that he

was intoxicated when the incident took place.

Police alleged that Shradar tried to incite the crowd during UNO's home football opener on Sept. 4.

"Jon's activity didn't fit the elements of the crime that was charged," Schaefer said.

Shradar said that the crowd taunted him and threw pennies and ice at him.

After the incident, UNO placed Shradar on disciplinary probation, making it impossible for him to continue as student president/regent.

"We felt that it was unfortunate that the school administration took such immediate action to suspend him from his elected role in student government there," Schaefer said. "He certainly didn't get his day in court and they judged him, it seems to me, awfully harshly, before he had a chance to develop the facts."

Shradar is making an attempt to have the disciplinary probation placed on him by UNO dismissed.

"I've already written a formal letter requesting the lifting of my disciplinary probation and I haven't heard from the vice chancellor of student affairs on that yet," Shradar said.

There has been no comment from university officials.

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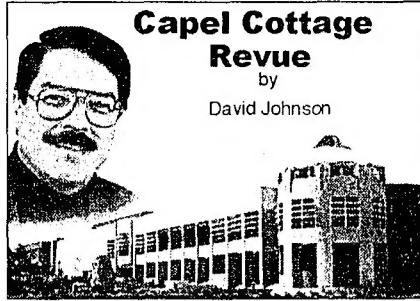
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## Right Up There with Fruitcakes and Ties



### Capel Cottage Revue

by  
David Johnson

Most stores will let you return non-fitting, wrong-gender, or downright ugly gifts your relatives sent you for

Christmas. Most stores, that is.

It gets a little tougher when the store is some chic little boutique up in Two Minutes For Hooking, Manitoba that stays open only from June 1 to Dec. 25.

In these cases, the "gift" goes into the closet until your cousin Lamont's birthday. (Lamont, of course, is your geeky cousin — the one who use to make 7-Up come out of his nose in the school cafeteria.)

It's also gets tough when you want to return stuff to phone service catalog companies. They always want you to upgrade for a more expensive item, then charge you \$15 for shipping and handling.

"Hello, Outhouse Clothing? I got a shirt for Christmas I'd like to return."

"How about we send you something different? A parka maybe. Or a Landrover?"

"No, I really just want to return this. The color's all wrong. It's ... baby poop yellow."

"Ah yes, the rugby shirt on page 64. A very popular item. Tell you what, we'll send you out the same shirt in ... say, Day-Glo orange?"

"No, I ..."

"Thank you for your order." Click.

You can always tell which of your Christmas presents were purchased after hours of thoughtful reflection and which were bought at the convenience store on the way over.

Convenience store gifts tend to run more along the lines of spin-offs of the real things. For instance, if you get a "Tickle Me Elmo" doll it's probably from a department store.

If you get a "Fire Me Mike Ditka" doll, it's from your local Kum & Go.

Toys R Us carries the "Suzy Homemaker Sewing Machine."

The Holiday gas station has the "Hillary Clinton Document Shredding Machine."

If you get a copy of "Dr. Laura Schlessinger's 10 Things Women Do To Mess Up Their Lives," it's probably from a book store in the mall.

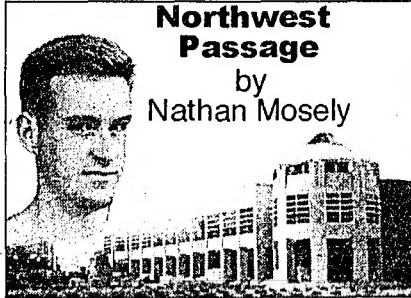
If you get a copy of "The Boris Yeltsin Liquid Diet," it's from Total.

I have a whole list of gifts I need to return:

1. Dr. Chernobyl's nuclear fusion hot air popper.
2. The "Psychedelic Partridge Family" CD.
3. A deluxe home security system manufactured by "The Clapper." (According to the box — "The same system George Harrison uses!")
4. A video of "Al Gore's Greatest Debates Live!" (Two minutes of heart-pounding, blood curdling action!)
5. One government issue, olive green, you'll-be-safe-while-everybody-else-is-in-the-dark, Y2K gas-powered generator.
6. Sega's "O.J.: The Great Escape" cartridge.
7. A Monica Lewinsky bobbing-head doll.
8. A football autographed by every Miami Dolphin who spent time in jail in the last year and a half.
9. A copy of "Steven Forbes Sings Phantom of the Opera."
10. Hasbro's new game "Slicing Vegetables in Your Pants."

Wish me luck.

## What Happened to Y2K????



### Northwest Passage

by  
Nathan Mosely

It was supposed to be the biggest event in human history, but it turned out to be quite the contrary.

It was more like an atomic bomb that was a dud.

Never before have so many people anticipated an event so much, yet had no idea what was going to happen.

Like when you were a kid and you rode on a roller coaster, you knew that everything was going to be OK, but there was still that little voice inside of you that tells you that the cars are going to fall off, or you are going to fall out.

It is that same kind of nervous anticipation.

I was actually hoping that there would be something that I could tell my grandkids about.

They would be sitting on my lap and I would tell them about when the world almost came to an end.

"At the stroke of midnight everything broke down, there was mass rioting, and to top it all off ... aliens started to attack!"

I think I got more entertainment from watching Peter Jennings at 2 a.m. on Jan. 1 trying to stay awake and coherent.

Another disappointment was the celebra-

tion by America.

When I was watching 2000 celebrations on ABC, I was amazed at what other countries had put together.

The show Paris put on was by far the best of any others that I saw. In case you didn't see it, they basically blew up the Eiffel Tower, but miraculously it stayed in one piece.

I think London had the second best with its four-mile long fireworks display kicked off by a short toll by Big Ben.

And even China had a better celebration than the U.S. And it isn't even the year 2000 for them.

I do have to say that the Washington Monument was pretty neat, but New York, which you would think would do something to out-do the rest of the world, just increased the value of the ball by using all crystal. It did look neat, but you think that they could have done something else to maybe make it a little more exciting.

I think UNO should have done the same thing Paris did with the Henningson Campanile. I would have definitely paid to have seen that done.

I guess one good thing about the year 2000 is that it gives us a chance to look back and reflect on the past 1000 years.

It is truly amazing to see how far we have come since then, and we can't even begin to imagine how far we will be going.

Will we have our own flying vehicles, will we have discovered other worlds with other people, or will we all be dead because of our barbaric nature of killing one another?

I guess only time will tell, but in the mean time I think we can start planning a celebration to beat the rest of the world when the real millennium rolls around in 354 days.

## Did I Miss the Apocalypse?



### A column

by  
Erin Joy

You've made it to the new millennium. Congratulations.

To tell the truth, I was a little disappointed. Not because the apocalypse failed to occur, but because *nothing* out of the ordinary occurred. The lights didn't even flicker in the hotel where my friends and I were bringing in the year 2000. In fact, the most unusual thing that happened to us New Year's Eve was when we opened the door to our room and a couple of 14-year-old boys tried to convince us that they were UNO hockey players.

But our little party was just slightly less eventful than the international ramifications of Y2K. What was all the panic about? For the past year, people across the globe have participated in a mass bracing against potential Y2K disasters. The most notable international news of the time period, Boris Yeltsin's sudden resignation, wasn't even Y2K related. Yeltsin may have quit, but my computer didn't. And the only thing out of the ordinary in Yeltsin's resignation was that he lived long enough to officially pass along Russia's torch. (People just aren't supposed to live as long as Yeltsin has with skin that morbid shade of gray.)

Nationally, the aftermath of the Y2K panic

found the media asking a lot of questions about the exorbitant amount our country spent avoiding problems. But the attention was quickly turned to our favorite soap opera characters — the people involved in the Bill Clinton/Monica Lewinsky scandal. They were all busy after the new year dawned. The first lady moved to New York to run for the Senate. Our televisions are currently being assaulted by former friends Monica Lewinsky and Linda Tripp. The ex-intern is the star of a barrage of Jenny Craig commercials, while pictures of Tripp's millennium face-lift makeover continue to be news. Because of the surgery, Tripp looks completely different. But there is one drawback her surgeon may have failed to mention: now she can't object when people call her "two-faced" because she actually is.

Locally, after Omaha's Millennium Lights celebration was over and the children were in bed, a S.W.A.T. team was reported to have surrounded the area of 72nd and Dodge Streets. Every time the news stations went to reporters in that area, there was not another soul to be seen (not even the reporters from the other stations). I doubt it was because the snipers were taking out every passerby in the intersection. More likely, it was just another example of the Y2K panic bug biting some policy maker before the new year.

But now the school semester has officially begun and I don't think Y2K deleted my bill for the term. My grades are still in E-BRUNO. I will be buying books today and then going to work. Tonight I'll probably skip a seemingly unimportant reading assignment. In short, it's back to life as usual.

Truth is, except for creating potential Doomsday situations in our heads, we never left it.

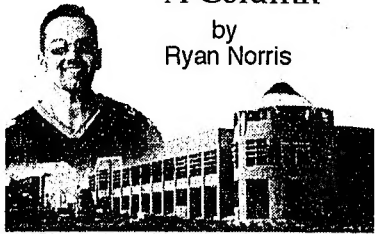
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## Anticipated "Jumangi" Scenes Absent from Turn of Millennium

A Column  
by  
Ryan Norris



Since the mid-1990s I have heard or seen so much hype about the millennium, only to be grateful the doomsayers were wrong. On Jan. 31 at 11:59 p.m., the hype was not lived up to by the mass of rioters who didn't burn the world as some predicted they would.

What I heard was supposed to happen was a massive breakdown of technology that was to think the year was 1900 instead of the year 2000.

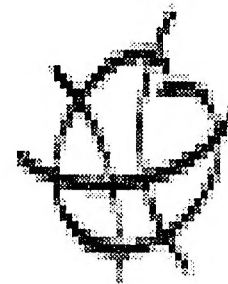
What did happen was business as usual. Dogs and cats were not living together the morning of Jan. 1, 2000. Giraffes and elephants were not storming down Dodge Street. And the neighbor you had who barricaded his door and filled his basement with bottled water and oxygen tanks was left scratching his head.

So, if anything, the hype around the Y2K and the mass hysteria that was supposed to come along with it was nothing more than a commodity. Like movie theaters that first got air conditioning, or the kid who has the new PlayStation game, the company that was Y2K ready or compliant was the one that got business and your attention. Heck, there was even "Y2K" the TV movie in which the fate of the world was in the hands of TV actor Ken Olin who was playing some

official Y2K guy who worked in a secret underground bunker.

Because the Y2K calamity fell flat, I propose we make Y3K the next commodity. Sure we're only 1,000 years away from the next millennium, but there has to be a reason to buy that spiffy red portable generator or a radiation suit, doesn't there?

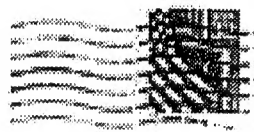
But before we get lost in all of the post-Y2K fallout, let's remember that there are things that should draw our attention. For example a presidential race is going on, terrorism is still a global problem, and people can still be ugly to one another and themselves. These issues and others are not to be made light of, in fact, our compliance and readiness should not go to Y2K, but to our fellow countrymen, our neighbors and our friends.



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## Strong Commitment Key to Successful New Year's Resolutions

**CANDACE HORTON**

*Staff Writer*

Thousands of years ago, New Year's Day wasn't celebrated until March 25. It wasn't until the institution of the current Gregorian calendar that the beginning of the year fell on Jan. 1.

The dawning of a new year and the birth of a new century have inspired many around the world to make changes. Many people in the United States are familiar with the yearly custom of making out a list of New Year's resolutions. Sometimes there are a number of things that people want to change about themselves, but they settle with one thing they think they can change.

"I always make a resolution to gain weight," sophomore Vesna Taneva said. "I know that it sounds strange, but when you are naturally underweight, it makes sense." Taneva said that this year she

didn't even make a resolution because they are "too hard to keep."

"I never really got around to making resolutions this year. I was too busy trying to move away from home," student Michelle Keller said.

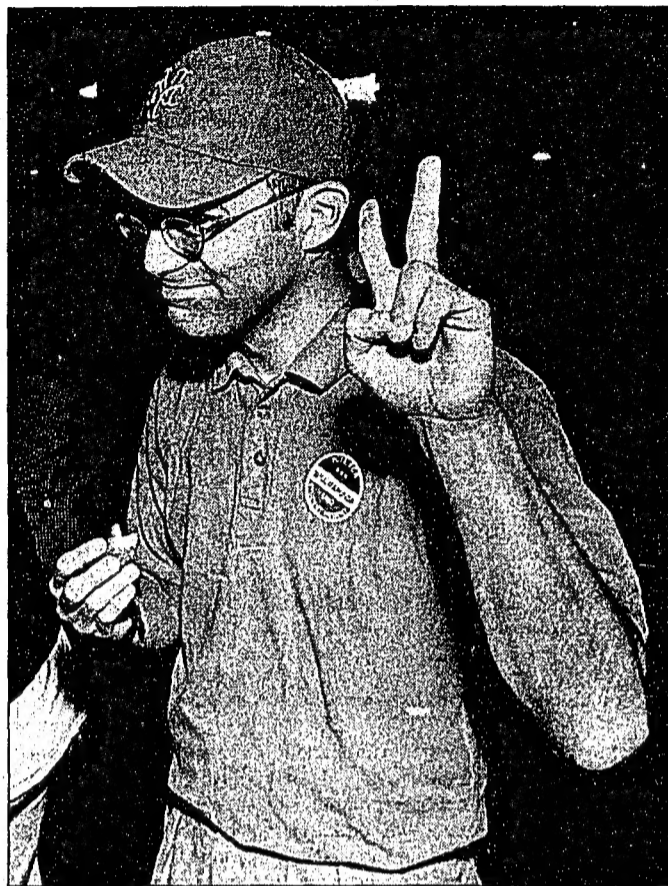
The consensus of most of the people was that they never keep their resolutions for the whole year. This is common, said Director of the Addictive Behaviors Research Center at the University of Washington Alan Marlatt. In a recent ABC News report, Marlatt found that "Sixty-three percent of persons questioned remained faithful to their number one resolution ... for at least two months."

Marlatt offers some surefire ways to succeed:

- \* Have a strong initial commitment to make a change.
- \* Have coping strategies to deal with

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## Marunda to be Sworn in as Student President/Regent



Will Marunda, president/regent elect, gives a wave after the first election. Marunda defeated Stacy Jo Moss-Ferrel in October's run-off election.

**RYAN NORRIS**

*Senior Staff Writer*

Will Marunda will be sworn in as the student president/regent at a ceremony to be held on Thursday at UNO. The ceremony starts at 12:15 p.m. in the Nebraska Room of the Milo Bail Student Center.

Marunda is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa and the Network for disabled students. He served as an assistant coordinator for the Student Leadership Team in 1997 and is a former Air Force ROTC cadet. He is also a member of National Honors Society.

Marunda is a member of the Mayor's Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

and is treasurer for the Omaha Chapter of the National Federation for the Blind.

The swearing in of the junior political science major will be conducted by Donal J. Burns, associate executive vice president and provost of the University of Nebraska. An informal reception will be held after the ceremony.

Kathy Denker, a UNO student who ran against Marunda for the seat of president/regent, will miss the ceremony because she will be in class.

"I think Will will do a great job as president regent and I can't wait to see what changes he brings about at UNO," Denker said.

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problems that will come up.

\* Keep track of progress. The more monitoring and feedback you get the better you will do.

In order to succeed, some pitfalls are:

\* Thinking about resolutions at the last minute. They should be thought out in advance.

\* Making resolutions on what is bothering you or

what is on your mind at that time.

\* Framing resolutions as absolutes by saying, "I will never do 'X' again."

Following the advice of the learned scholars may help. The only true thing to do is to make a plan and stick to it. If you make a mistake, it's okay. After all, we are only human.

## NEW CITIZENS

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Sheila Flipse, originally from the United Kingdom, also addressed the audience.

"A citizen of the United States of America — hallelujah," Flipse said. Flipse is director of Lydia House.

Other speakers included Omaha Postmaster EvaJon Sperling, Acting District Director of the Omaha District INS Office Michael Went, Lt. Gov. David Maurstad and U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas D. Thalken.

Sperling said in her address that the U.S. is a "nation of immigrants." She said unless you are Native American, someone in your ancestry emigrated from somewhere else.

"All immigrant groups bring with them the culture of their homeland," Sperling said. "America has drawn from all of these and created a new culture, an American culture."

Went said 500,000 to one million people become new citizens each year. With that figure, he estimated that there "may be as many as 50 million new citizens in this century."

Judge Thalken said the certificate of citizenship the immigrants received was comparable to a stock certificate, giving them equal ownership in the nation. He said the difference was that each person gets only one share, and that the immigrants' share was equal to that of the first lady, Warren Buffet, basketball superstars and John Q. Public.

Thalken encouraged new citizens to vote, to be involved in the community and politics and to be vigilant about the status of the nation. He said democracy was a great experiment and citizens are all "part of that great experiment."

While some immigrants have lived in the U.S. for awhile, they were excited to become citizens.

Margie Van Houten, originally from Mayo County, Ireland, said the recitation of the pledge of allegiance made her feel at home.

"In a way it felt like I was 'here,' like I'm where I intend to stay," she said. "I'm not floating around anymore."

Van Houten has lived in the U.S. for 20 years, but said she decided to become a U.S. citizen because of family ties.

"I've no intention of going back," she said.

Her mother, along with her seven brothers and sisters, immigrated to America in 1957.

Van Houten studied nursing in London and lived there for nearly 22 years before she and her husband also moved to the U.S. Her children and grandchildren are all in America.

Her daughter Gabrielle Van Houten also became a citizen at the ceremony.

Nuria Arbaugh, originally from Spain, came to America to be with her husband, James. The two met when James was stationed in Spain with the U.S. Air Force. Arbaugh has lived with her husband in Fremont for the past five years.

Arbaugh said she was excited to have the chance to vote on issues concerning her. Mexican immigrant Adrian Villalobos-Moreno echoed that sentiment.

"Now I will be able to use my vote effectively," he said. "I will be able to say, 'these are my issues, these are hard core issues that need to be addressed.'"

Villalobos-Moreno, 25, came to this country when he was 4 years old. His father came to the U.S. during World War II and worked as a migrant worker, but often returned to Mexico to be with his family. Villalobos-Moreno remembered the schools in Mexico as being very different from those in America. He said there are many more resources available to American children.

His brother Miguel also became a citizen at the ceremony.

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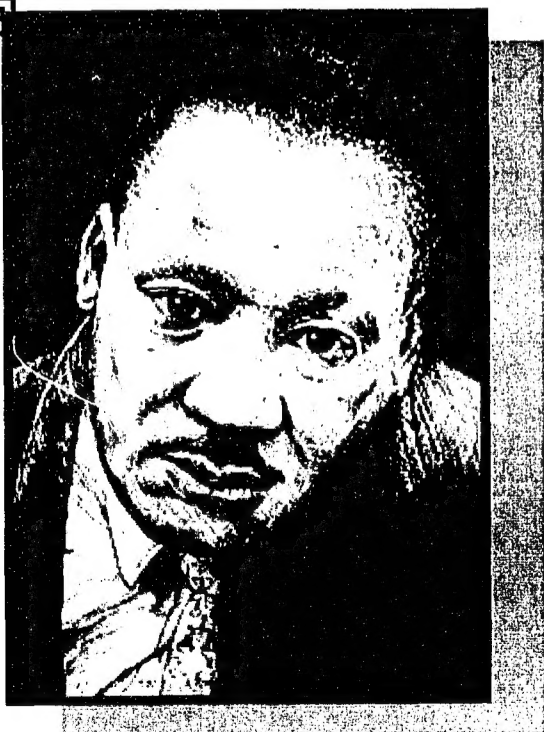
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**Connecticut** - Four bovine calves cloned from a world-famous Japanese bull were unveiled by the University of Connecticut and the Kogashima Cattle Breeding Development Institute in Japan. The calves range in age from seven to nine months. Scientists used regular skin cells to clone the calves and used an older male donor instead of the more commonly used young female donor.

**New Delhi** - The Karmapa Lama, Tibet's third-ranking religious figure, escaped from China and traveled 900 miles over eight days to reach safe haven in India. The 14-year-old lama joins the tens of thousands of Tibetans, including the top-ranking religious figure, the Dalai Lama, who have fled from Tibet to escape Chinese rule.

**Santiago** - Five girls were expelled from their high school for allegedly being witches. Reports claim the girls bathed in blood and told fortunes on campus. School officials said the expulsion was a precautionary measure.

**Tampa, Fla.** - On Jan. 1, a Radisson Bay Harbor Hotel employee opened fire at the hotel where travelers to Tampa's Outback Bowl were staying. The gunman killed four co-workers and critically injured three others. Minutes later, he killed a woman who resisted his attempt to hijack her car. Police captured the assailant after he tried to commandeer another vehicle for his escape.

**Kent, OH** - Harold Johnson, professor of special education at Kent State University, unveiled his web site for the deaf. The site will link the nation's 72 deaf education teacher preparation programs into one on-line community. Already the site gets 7,000 to 8,000 hits each day. It can be reached at [www.educ.kent.edu/deafed](http://www.educ.kent.edu/deafed).

## UNMC College of Nursing Recieves 10 Year Accreditation

JANET STYFFE

News Editor

The University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing has received a 10-year accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Ten years is the maximum length of accreditation that the commission will award.

Accreditation is a voluntary self-regulatory process by which an educational institution seeks to demonstrate that it meets certain standards of quality. In addition, accreditation is often a prerequisite for research grants and other federal funding.

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education evaluated clinical practice, teaching and research, said Catherine Bevil, director of continuing nursing education and evaluation at UNMC.

The standards by which the program was reviewed include the program's mission, governance, institutional commitment, resources, curriculum, teaching-learning practices and effective-

ness as seen through student performances and faculty accomplishments.

In addition to a 300-page report prepared by the college, the evaluation included a week-long visit from a team of three evaluators, who questioned faculty, students, graduates, employers and administrators at each of the four campuses. UNMC has campuses in Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney and Scottsbluff.

"We think the evaluators were truly impressed, from the caliber of our students to our distance learning innovations," Bevil said.

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is an independent arm of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, which has accredited 104 programs and 64 insitutions since it began in 1998.

Before the creation of the new commission, UNMC received accreditation through the National League for Nursing, which was the only nationally recognized accrediting body for all nursing programs. Ada Lindsey, dean of the UNMC College of Nursing said, "Recognition from the new commission is exciting."

## Millenium Baby Contest Will Award Scholarship To Lucky Firstborn

JANET STYFFE

News Editor

The search is on for the first baby born in 2000 to a UNO alumnus.

That baby will win the Alumni Millennium Baby Scholarship Contest, sponsored by the UNO Alumni Association.

At stake is a scholarship in the form of one share of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Baby Stock (Class B). Though the exact amount of the scholarship will depend on the stock market's performance in the coming years, the scholarship will likely be fairly substantial. On Nov. 22, the stock closed at \$1,855 per share.

The stock will be held by the Alumni Association until the Millennium Baby enrolls at UNO. At that time, the stock will be sold and the proceeds will go to a scholarship to be applied to the child's tuition and expenses. If the child does not attend UNO, the stock will continue to belong to the Alumni Association.

"That's 20 years out, so who knows?" said Jim Leslie, director of the Alumni Center.

It is not necessary for both parents to be alumni in order to enter, Leslie said. Parents who would like to enter the contest should send their names, date or dates of UNO graduation, the baby's name, a certified birth certificate with the baby's date and time of birth and parents' addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to the Alumni Association. Entries should be submitted by Feb. 29, 2000. The winner will be announced in late March.

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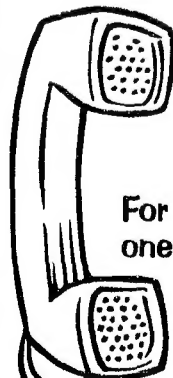
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# Many Partied Like it Was 1999

**ALIZA ANVARI**  
*Staff Writer*

It was not the end of the world, as the hype predicted. In fact, the world seemed to embrace the 21st century as calm, cool and collected as possible. Police, fireman, utility and information system workers kept a commendable, vigilant watch against any major disruptions that the new year might have inflicted. Many people probably felt sheepish about stocking up on so many canned goods, batteries and bottled water.

Bill Gates and Microsoft survived the millennium bug. Credit card balances did not just disappear. ATM's did not start spitting out the Benjamins. There was even a notable pause in Hollywood's onslaught of "Armageddon"/disaster flicks.

For party-goers here in Omaha and across the world, the millennium celebration was a great excuse to get down and dirty and bust a groove. The only link in the wide range of activities people participated in was the goal of having a good time.

One major family-oriented activity was watching OPPD's Millennium Lights celebration. Thousands of tiny lights decorated downtown Omaha and the occasion was marked by a breathtaking fireworks display by the Woodmen building. The event was so big that roads had to be blocked off to accommodate spectators.

For many college students, celebrating the New Year at a kicking club or bar proved ideal.

Student Christine Michaelson shared

her millennium moment.

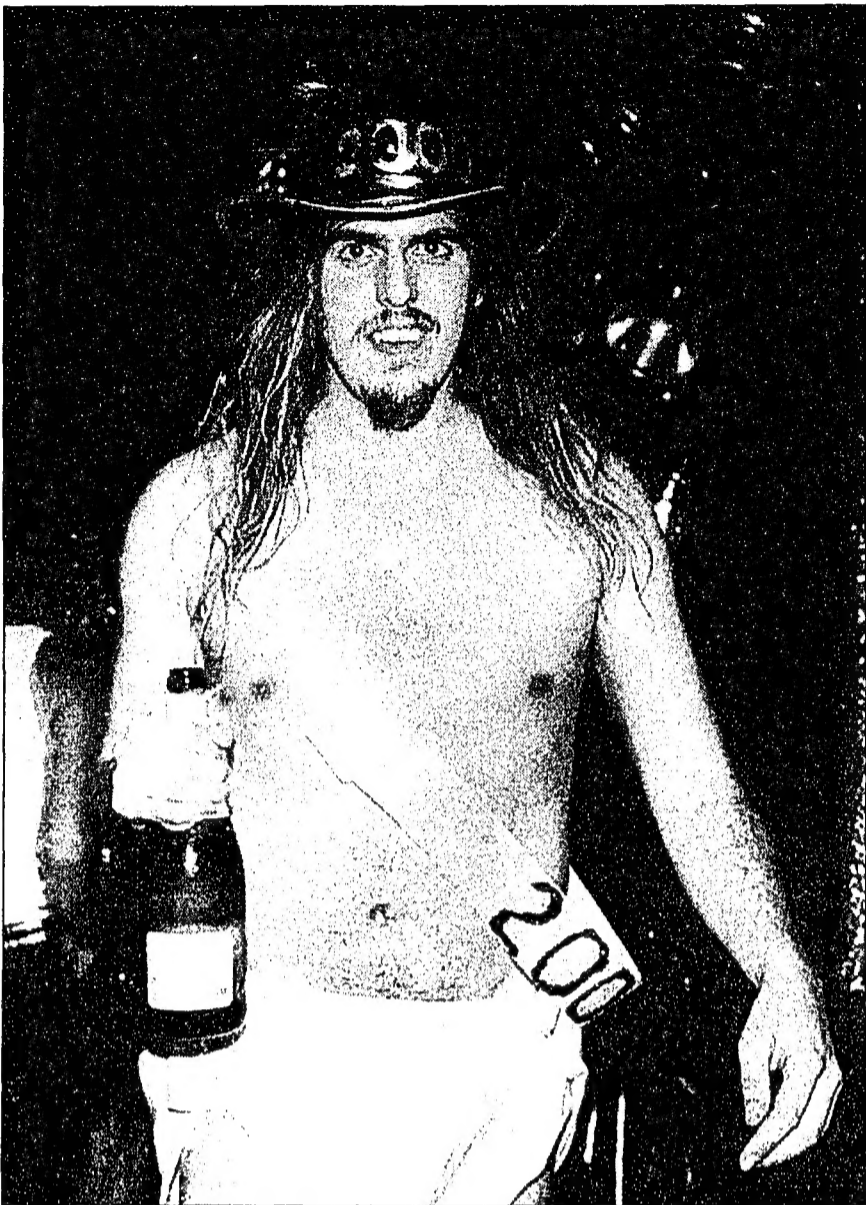
"Bourbon Street was packed and me and some of my closest friends had a blast spraying champagne, throwing confetti and dancing to Will Smith's "Will2K" song when the clock struck 12 o'clock. Bourbon has great strobe, color and laser lights. The lights and fog machine were set to music and enhanced the wild atmosphere."

In the Old Market, the club The Underground was a great place to take part in the festivities. Many locals cloaked in silver danced and drank the night away. Various other hip and happening spots and restaurants offered special New Year's packages.

Still, for those who decided to play it safe and stay at home, television and radio programs did their best to make it worthwhile. Many of the networks provided excellent coverage on how other countries celebrated the new year. There were many poignant specials reflecting on the century that passed and offering predictions for the future. A diverse range of countdowns were offered for viewing pleasure. Radio stations played songs that had the futuristic themes embedded in the lyrics. Some people even opted to pay for a special Prince Pay-Per-View New Year's celebration.

Whether your New Year's activities were fantastic or boring, spent alone or surrounded, at home or at work — one thing is for sure: you will probably never forget where you were when you entered the new millennium.

**Right-Mike Cuddly, of the band Three Day Meat Sale, was the youngest-dressed adult present at Ivory Star's New Year's Eve party in Snyder, Neb. He came out at midnight for a toast dressed as the Millennium Baby.**



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# Underdogs Everywhere Losing a Champion with End of 'Peanuts'

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Linus: "You know what somebody said, Charlie Brown? Somebody said that sports are sort of a caricature of life."

Charlie Brown: "That's a relief. I was afraid it was life."

Sports always has been fertile ground for various pundits, philosophers and paleontologists. Perhaps it makes them feel more down-to-earth to talk about games.

None of them, though, ever viewed sports from the perspective of a cursed, round-headed pitcher who had a beagle for a shortstop, a second baseman with a security blanket and a right-fielder allergic to fly balls. Charles M. Schulz did, and he had as much to say about sports as any of the aforementioned intellectuals—maybe more.

Schulz's retirement not only means the end of "Peanuts"—the last daily strip ran Monday and the last original Sunday strip goes Feb. 13—it also silences one of the shrewdest observers of sports and society.

In newspapers, Peanuts readers, especially young ones, learned as much about sports from seeing Snoopy play hockey with Woodstock on a frozen birdbath as they did in the sports section. Hockey thought so highly of Schulz's contributions that he won the Lester Patrick Award in 1981 for outstanding service to the game.

Sports was a prime topic for the sports-crazy Schulz, who avidly played golf, tennis and hockey. As much as 25 percent of his strips dealt with sports. Covering nearly 50 years of "Peanuts," that means there were a lot of baseball games to lose, many errant golf shots to hit and, of course, numerous footballs to be pulled away.

"Sports are great for a cartoonist," Schulz once said in an interview. "They really are a

metaphor for life."

Charlie Brown caddying for Snoopy: "I find it strange that the golfing gods never allowed you to make a hole-in-one. I wonder what that means?"

Snoopy: "It means we need some new golfing gods."

For most people, sports are a struggle. Fun, but frustrating. That was the theme of Schulz's work. Perhaps Charlie Brown lost more than the average person, but more times than not, people lose.

Yet in Schulz's eyes, the essence of Charlie Brown wasn't that he lost. It was that he never stopped trying. Schulz found great valor in Charlie Brown's perseverance.

"I once read a newspaper article that labeled Charlie Brown a loser," Schulz wrote in a new book, "Peanuts: A Golden Celebration." "That never occurred to me. A real loser would stop trying."

It is the same attitude Schulz carries toward his own sporting endeavors. Before his illness, he played right wing for a recreation-league hockey team at a rink he owns near his home in Santa Rosa, Calif.

"Anytime I experience a crushing defeat, I am able to transfer my frustrations to poor Charlie Brown," Schulz wrote.

A few years back, Schulz received the Raymond C. Firestone Award for his contributions to golf. The presentation took place at the NEC World Series of Golf, and on the day of the big pro-am, Schulz's real life ran straight into Charlie Brown.

It rained.

Schroeder visiting Charlie Brown on the pitcher's mound: "The bases are loaded again, and there's still nobody out."

Charlie Brown: "So what do you think?"

Schroeder: "We live in difficult times."

"Losing is sad, but losing is also funny," Schulz said in an interview. "People may like winners, but they identify with losers."

Charlie Brown lost small. During a spelling contest, he spelled maze, "M-A-Y-S." Argggghh!

But mostly Charlie Brown lost spectacularly. Lucy pulling the football away from Charlie Brown was Schulz's longest-running and most successful gag.

"Every time I complete this annual page, I am sure I will never be able to think of another one," Schulz said.

He did, though, for 47 straight years after the gag was introduced in 1953. It always was genuine adolescence—a lethal potion of childhood gullibility and pure mischief.

Once Lucy implored the disbelieving Charlie Brown to trust her.

"Has your mind become so darkened with mistrust that you've lost your ability to believe in people?" she asked.

Sure enough, Charlie Brown got suckered in, and sure enough, Lucy pulled away the football.

"Isn't it better this way, Charlie Brown?" she said as he lay sprawled on the ground. "Isn't it better to trust people?"

In 1979, Schulz underwent heart-bypass surgery. Mimicking his own experience, he had Charlie Brown go into the hospital for an extended stay.

Lucy was so distraught that she promised if Charlie Brown got better, she would let him kick the football. When he recovered, Charlie Brown knocked on Lucy's door, holding a football.

Lucy had no choice. As Charlie Brown ran up, she kept the football in place. He finally had a clean shot.

But Charlie Brown being Charlie Brown, he missed, kicking Lucy. Farewell, Charlie Brown. Losing will never be the same.

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### Renaissance Woman

By  
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The year 2000 has finally arrived. It's not quite the new millennium, but it certainly is a new year. The new year generally brings in fresh, new ideas, as well as some of the unavoidable rehased concepts.

I'm looking forward to new developments this year. Maybe the cures for cancer or AIDS will finally be found. Maybe the American public will vote a worthy, competent president into office. Maybe film directors will learn how to make quality movies with a running time under three hours. Maybe the teenybopper music scene will go and stay underground where it belongs.

It's just those recycled elements that I'm worried about. It is said that all things run in cycles. And I'm afraid that the cycle that is upon us is a return to of all things, the '80s.

Don't get me wrong. There's nothing exceptionally wrong with the '80s. I myself spent the good part of the first half of my life in that decade. Of course, I was probably too young to remember much, so I didn't find things particularly painful. I just want everybody to be on the lookout. Informed means prepared.

Submitted for your approval, here is a list of the things I have noticed are making a recurrence in the new era:

**Bright colors:** As I am typing this column, my fingernails are sporting Day-Glo orange polish. Neon colors are just unavoidable in fashion right now. Everywhere you look, bright pink, orange, yellow and green are popping up on shirts, sweaters, pants, skirts and cosmetics. Shocking pink seems to be the favored hue for the winter, presumably as a contrast to the bleak, white snow. I know I'll never be lost in a crowd in my fluorescent orange shirts; I'll just have to worry about being mistaken for a crossing guard.

**Hairstyles:** This is also along the fashion note. I have noticed a difference in certain recent hair-styles that mimic those of the '80s. Hair on males is spiky again, due to tons of hair gel, no doubt. Hair on women is in some instances big and poofy; I often find myself sitting behind these people and their enormous 'fros at the theaters. This happens to be a creepy coincidence to me. I am considering buying stock in Aqua-Net.

**Foreign crises:** Okay, so this really isn't anything new and specific to any decade. But, what with the recent political hullabaloo over Elian Gonzales, the young Cuban refugee, the United States may very well find itself in the midst of yet another Cold War, this time with Cuba.

**Music:** Where to begin? First of all, how else do you explain the boy band explosion of late? The Backstreet Boys and their brethren are merely the modern answer to New Kids On The Block. This also might shed some light on Ricky Martin's recent success, can a Menudo reunion be far behind? Or what about singers like Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera? Can anyone say "Debbie Gibson?" And besides the pop clones, there are all the remakes. I hold Limp Bizkit personally responsible for this trend; it initiated it by covering George Michaels' hit "Faith." So what happens next? Fear Factory covers Gary Numan, Coal Chamber covers Peter Dinklage ... it's just one big vicious cycle.

And the big vicious cycle of the '80s is what this rant has been all about. I say it's time for a change. It's up to us, the generation of the future, to make those changes. Don't buy into this old stuff, think of something new, for a change! If we're going to have a retro incident, let's try for something even more colorful. Perhaps it's time for a disco revival.

## Spectrum Chamber Orchestra Opens 2000 Season

DAVID M. JOHNSON

Editorial Staff

The Spectrum Chamber Orchestra opened the new millennium with an exhilarating concert Saturday at the Strauss Performing Arts Center.

Maestro Victor Yampolsky opened the evening with Bach's "Suite No. 3 in D Major, BWV 1068." The suite is five movements of mostly French baroque dances encircling the beautiful "Air on the G-String" movement, a gentle, almost pious piece often hailed as one of the world's most beautiful works.

The orchestra, accompanied by harpsichord, handled Bach brilliantly. They were measured and elegant and gave the hall an atmosphere of life at court — powdered wigs, lace, ivory snuff boxes, and tea and cakes with Louis XIV.

Following Bach was the soloist spotlight. Tenor Evan Bowers and Greg Helseth on French horn tackled the glorious, but not often heard "Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings, Opus 31" by Benjamin Britten. Britten, a 20th-century composer, lived in East Anglia on the coastline bordering the North Sea in Suffolk, England. His serenade was a tribute to fellow Suffolk-native and artist John Constable.

Bowers was especially pleasing, his

Welsh heritage came through to add a softness to his operatic voice. Particularly memorable was his warmth during the third movement, "The splendour falls on castle walls," reminding me of days spent at Orford Castle near Britten's home of Aldeburgh.

Helseth, back for his second solo engagement in as many years, drew significant applause from the packed house, and deservedly so. Britten's serenade is a difficult work for horn — many offset and double notings, but Helseth was up to the task. The epilogue movement returned the work to the prologue, but was played from without the hall (Helseth had stepped out during the previous movement) and gave the piece a romantic, yet haunting, finish.

Maestro Yampolsky brought the evening full circle following the intermission with Mozart's familiar "Symphony No. 40 in G minor, K. 550." To say any work by Mozart is familiar is almost redundant. This symphonic masterpiece could be hummed by heart by any child who grew up watching Warner Brothers cartoons. Still, a perfect ending to a perfect evening of fine music.

The Omaha Symphony continues next weekend with Strauss' epic, "Also Sprach Zarathustra," the music from the movie "2001, A Space Odyssey." For discounted student tickets, call 342-3560.

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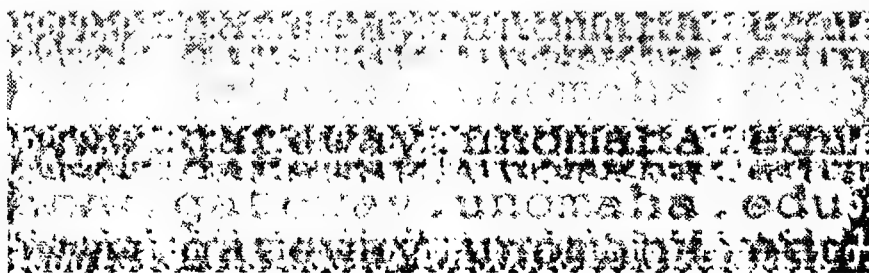
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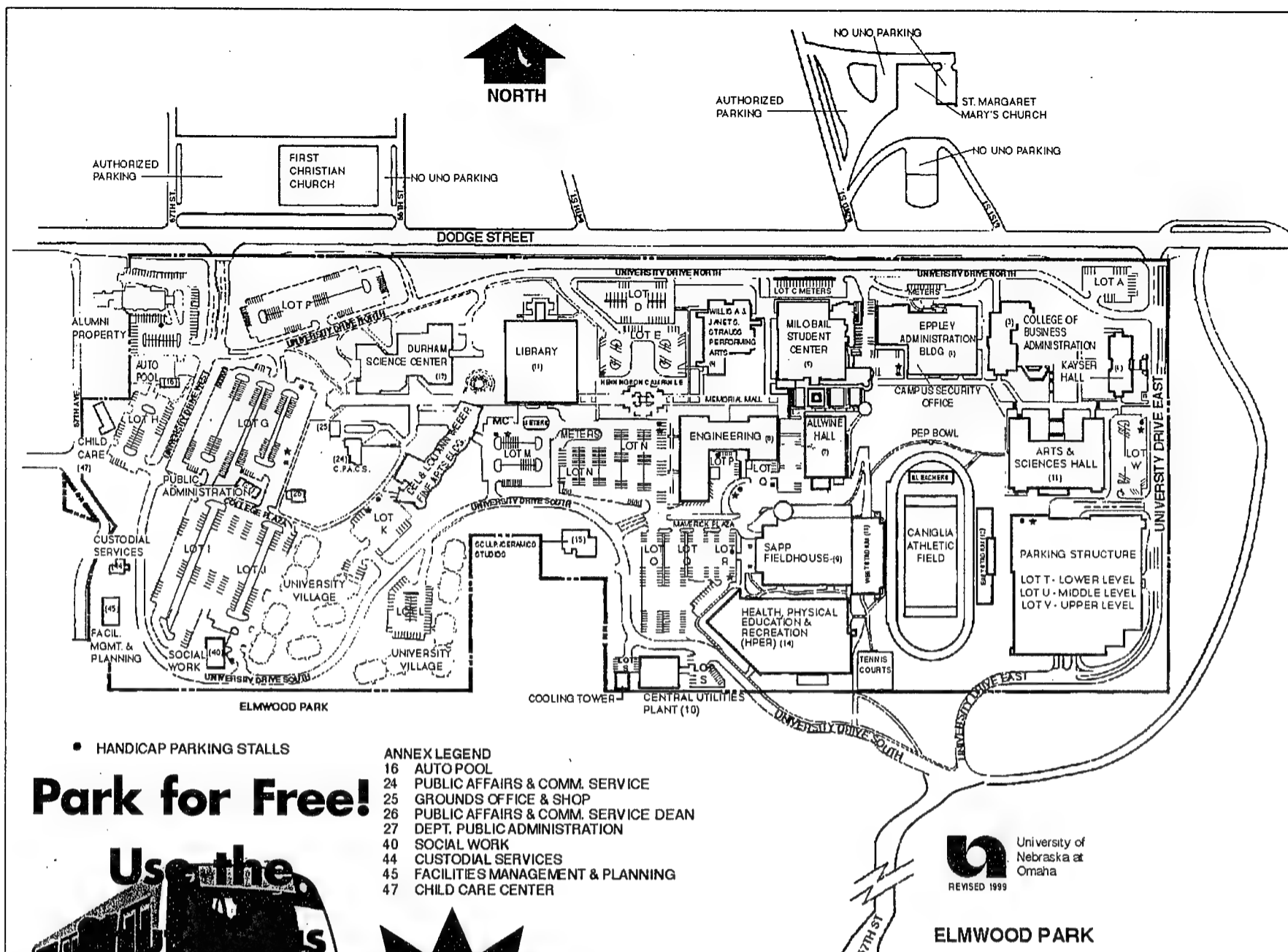
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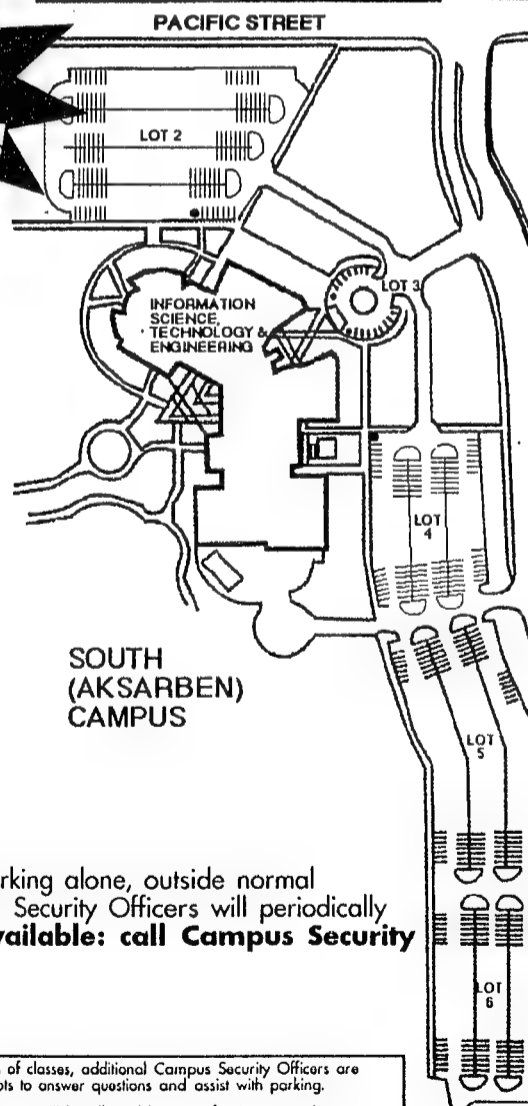
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# Silver Screen

Movie Reviews

## Holiday Movies Not to Miss

**RYAN NORRIS**

Senior Staff Writer

The winter holiday season is not only a time for students to take a break from their studies and visit loved ones, it is also a time for your local movie theater to show potential movie blockbusters.

A variety of films were released this holiday season including an adaptation of a Steven King bestseller, a football opera by Oliver Stone and the biopic of performance artist Andy Kaufman.

"*The Green Mile*" is a three-hour plus epic based on the Steven King series of novellas published in 1996 with the same name. The film is about a death row inmate who was wrongfully convicted of killing two little girls. What makes this inmate different is that he has the soul of a very innocent and simple man encased within a hulking shell of a body. The prison guard, played by Tom Hanks, soon realizes that this inmate is different and it turns out that the inmate has the power to heal.

The movie is a lengthy exploration of good and evil and includes some graphic prison execution scenes and foul language. Overall the performances by Hanks and the supporting cast make the film worth seeing. It was directed by Frank

Darabont who adapted King's "Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption" into the 1994 movie "The Shawshank Redemption," which was nominated for an academy award. Don't be surprised if the academy recognizes the efforts put into this film by nominating Hanks around Oscar time.

What can a professional football coach do if his veteran quarterback and back up get injured on consecutive series of plays? The answer, place an rebellious third stringer in the game and watch the controversy his ego and opinions create as he skyrockets to stardom.

Al Pacino plays a seasoned coach and comedian Jamie Foxx plays a gifted athlete with a chip on his shoulder, and a mind for making his own plays on the field in Oliver Stone's "*Any Given Sunday*."

Watching the movie we find out what football players must deal with on and off the field. These things include raging wives, fair-weather fans, drugs, parties, and the burden of being a black player in a league with no black owners and few black coaches.

Many ex-football players are in the film including Jim Brown, Lawrence Taylor and Dick Butkus as well as other celebrities/actors like L.L. Cool J and comedian Bill Belamy.

If you are a fan of football, watching a real game and following the exploits of professional athletes would be more worth your time rather than watching actors who act like your favorite quarterback or running back.

Stone creates his mise-en-scene by using an editing formula that cuts from footage of old football players and gladiator films to the gridiron and emotional battles of his characters.

Jim Carrey plays Andy Kaufman, and does it quite well in Milos Foreman's "*The Man on the Moon*." "Man on the Moon" is a movie about the late comedian Andy Kaufman. Foreman is no stranger to biopics as he helmed "The People vs. Larry Flint" and "Amadeus."

With "Moon" Foreman takes us into the private life of Andy Kaufman, who is most recognizable as Latka from "Taxi," but the comedian would rather be playing with our minds for his own laughs than giving the audience what it wants. The

urge to toy with his audience's minds may have been what motivated Andy Kaufman, but it may have also cost him a larger success. Ironically, as many famous people ruin themselves with drugs and alcohol while keeping a lid on Hollywood secrets, Kaufman was sober and ruined himself by trying to let the audience in on the secret. He would display his pain on stage, and set out to wreck the TV show "Taxi" by bringing prostitutes to the set and letting a national TV audience know a fight on a set was real and not a hoax. In the private moments of Kaufman within the film, he seems like a man who just wants his art to be understood, and when it is not, he becomes subversive and angry. Carrey was able to portray the range of Kaufman's personality or personalities so well it is said that people close to Kaufman when he was alive who were on the set thought he might as well have been the comedian.

## "Next Friday" Fails to Pick Up Where Last "Friday" Left Off

**BRANDON PAPPAS**

Arts & Leisure Editor

"Next Friday" fails to live up to the movie sequels are able to better their predecessors, "Next Friday" is the perfect example

of this.

"Friday" was a comedy based on the typical day in South-Central Los Angeles. Rapper-turned-actor Ice Cube was teamed up with comedian Chris Tucker

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# CD Reviews

by Rae Licari

## Jump. Little Children "Magazine" (Atlantic)

The major-label debut disk from the five-piece band Jump, Little Children is crammed with dynamic power-pop chords and unconventional strings in every track. This band packs slightly more punch into its songs than your average pop band, which is refreshing in a time of bland conformity. Grade: B+

## Various Artists "Listen Picks: The Best of the Music Download Directory- Volume One" (Razor and Tie)

An eclectic mix of downloadable music available on the web site listen.com, this compilation features songs from the independent favorites like Pavement, Sleater-Kinney, Public Enemy and DJ Spooky. The collection provides many different genres and sounds all stuffed into a solitary disk. Grade: A

## Natalie Merchant "Live in Concert" (Elektra)

This album of live recordings from Merchant's "Ophelia" tour is as beautifully melodic as any other studio album she has recorded. "Live in Concert" features songs

from Merchant's "Tigerlily" and "Ophelia" disc. Tracks such as "Carnival," "San Andreas Fault" and a cover of David Bowie's "Space Oddity" help provide an hour of tuneful entertainment. Grade: A-

## Soulmotor "Soulmotor" (CMC International)

Soulmotor's debut album sounds like a bad rip-off of a Creed/Godsmack hybrid. Considering that neither of those bands are actually any good, that doesn't say much for this group of noisemakers. The band does get effort points for an interesting album cover though. Grade: D-

## Pat Metheny "A Map of the World: Music From and Inspired by the Motion Picture" (Warner Bros.)

Metheny's disk of peaceful movie scores is sure to smooth the most agitated minds. This disk could also be a helpful sleeping aid. Although the sound is good and the music is soothing, the disc may not be for everyday use for a lot of people. Grade: C

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as the two loaf around and find out funny things about their neighborhood.

In "Next Friday" nothing is the same. The plot, which takes place four years later, is no longer in South Central and a crucial member of the first "Friday" film is gone, Chris Tucker.

"Next Friday" was written by Ice Cube himself, and does little to feature those other than himself in the movie. There are no funny one-liners like the first movie, and with no clear plot line the movie wanders into a spiraling bore that leaves the audience only wanting to leave.

Unlike the first "Friday" the characters in "Next Friday" are all too real. The only returning characters are that of Ice Cube and his father. "Next Friday" does not have any out-of-the-norm characters like Big Perm, an element that is painfully obvious a quarter of the way through the movie.

Like the first movie, "Next Friday" does do a good job of using bad language and making everyone in the movie look lazy. The similarities between the two movies are also found in the use of women in the movies. Both movies have good-looking respectable women and both have ugly, destructive and mean "hood rats."

The urban element that "Friday" brought to the screen is clearly thrown off as Ice Cube is sent to live in a ritzy neighborhood in California. The mixture of a kid from the ghetto mixed in with his sex-crazed uncle who won the lottery may sound good on paper, but does not translate well on film.

"Next Friday's" commercials may look to be promising, but the end result is another sequel that brings one to wonder, "Why fix something that isn't broken?"

"Next Friday" should not have gone past last "Friday."



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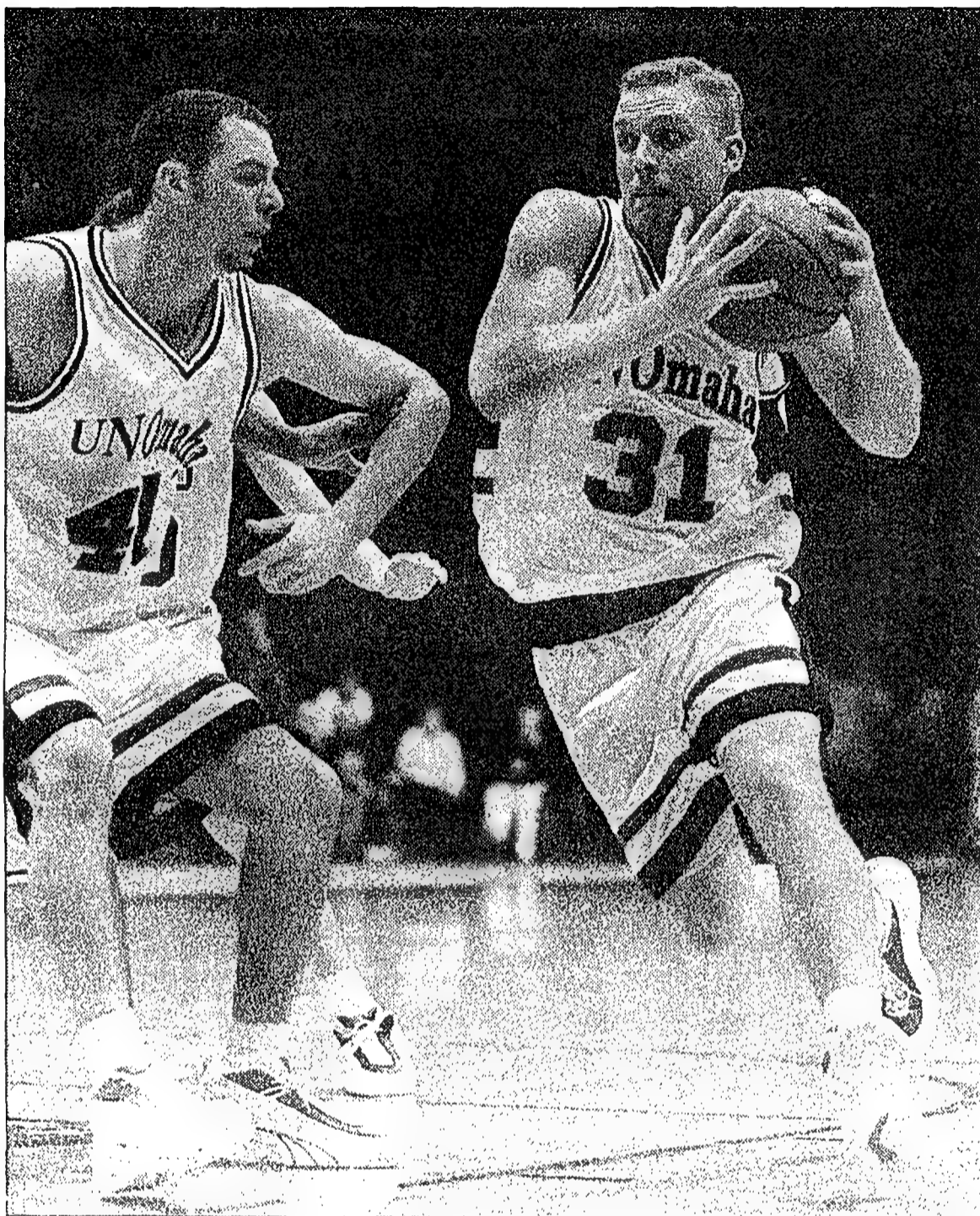
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# UNO Men's Basketball Caps Week with Pair of NCC Wins



Bob Wettstein sets a pick in the paint as Mike Simons drives the lane. UNO men are 10-5 on the year.

**Simonizing the Hoop.** Following UNO's 78-62 loss to South Dakota, senior Mike Simons is sitting on 1,141 points. That puts him at No. 10 on the all-time Mavs scoring list. Up next is No. 9 Art Allen with 1,160. Simons also has 150 career steals, placing him No. 4 on that all-time list. Next up is No. 3 Vernon Manning with 155 career thefts.

**Wettstein Muscles In.** Senior Bob Wettstein's three rebounds against SDU gives him 428 for his career and puts him No. 19 on the all-time boards list. Next up is Dan Olson with 451.

**DAVID M. JOHNSON**

*Sports Editor*

UNO played eight games since we last met. Here's how they went:

- UNO 113-73 over Graceland College. The Mavs moved to 7-0 on the season with a 40-point blowout of the Yellowjackets. Senior Mike Simons went over the 1,000 career-point mark when he knocked down a trey late in the game. He finished with 15 points. Mike Foltynski (20 pts), Corey Hahn (15 pts), Bob Wettstein (14 pts), Dan Morrow (14 pts) and Seth Nelson (11 pts) led the Mavs.

- UNO 91-70 over Benedictine College. UNO jumped to a 50-28 half-time lead and coasted to victory over the Ravens. Simons, apparently relaxed from already having crossed the 1,000-point line, paced the Mavs with 27 points. Foltynski added 19 on 8-10 field goal shooting. Al Lainio (9 pts, 9 rebounds) provided the power inside. UNO improved to 8-0 for the first time since the 1975-76 season.

- Wayne State 79-70 over UNO. The

Mavericks dropped their first game of the season on the road to Division II Wayne State. UNO held the half-time margin 41-36, but drew a cold shooting hand in the second half. Simons led the Mavs with 19 points. Bob Wettstein added 15. Wayne State committed only 11 personal fouls while UNO was whistled for 21 fouls.

- Hawaii-Hilo 64-51 over UNO. The difference to this game came at the free-throw line. Each team hit 21 shots from the floor, but Hawaii-Hilo dropped in 19-28 from the charity stripe while the Mavs swished only 3-11. Simons (16 pts) once again paced UNO's scoring attack. Mike Foltynski (12 pts, 6 rebs) was the only other Mav in double figures.

- Truman State 76-58 over UNO. The Mavs ended their trip to the Coconut Coast Classic with an 18-point loss to NCAA Division II No. 2 Truman State. Simons led UNO with 14 points despite hitting on only 4-17 from the field. Freshman point guard Seth Nelson came off the bench to tally 11 points, including 3-3 from beyond the arc.

- North Dakota State 66-62 over UNO.

The Mavs dropped their fourth in a row at home Jan. 2 when NDSU rallied from ten points down. Mike Foltynski produced UNO's first double-double (10 pts, 10 rebs) in a month, but it wouldn't be enough to stop the Bison. Simons dropped in 17 points to keep his scoring streak going. Al Lainio added 10 points for the Mavs who fell to 8-4.

- UNO 60-55 over North Dakota. The Mav defense came alive Jan. 3 to deal the previously unbeaten No. 20 Fighting Sioux a 60-55 loss at Sapp Fieldhouse. NDU shot a season-low 22-58 from the floor and committed a season-high 19 turnovers. Simons scored 25 points to pace the Mavs. Bob Wettstein added a lucky 13.

- UNO 78-60 over Morningside. Coach Lehman's team won their first road game of the season beating No. 23 Mustangs 78-60. Freshman Seth Nelson's career-high 18 points coupled with Philip von Backstrom's 12 rebounds proved the be the difference for the 10-4 Mavericks. Corey Hahn added 13 points, including 10-10 from the charity stripe. Mike Foltynski (14 pts) and Bob Wettstein (11) were the other Mavs in double figures

# Bahamas Sunshine Shootout Champs

AMY M. MUHLBAUER

Staff Writer

Three days ... three games ... one tournament championship. Paula Buscher and the women's basketball team traveled to Nassau, Bahamas Dec. 17-23, to compete in the Bahamas Sunshine Shootout.

In the first round on Dec. 19, senior Darcy Stracke led UNO to an 88-68 win over Montana State-Billings. Sophomore Jennifer Mitchell marked a season-high 20 points to help the Mavs.

UNO downed Central Arkansas 66-50 the following evening. Shooting 14-21 from the field, Stracke ended the night with 31 points and Mitchell finished with 11 points.

With yet another win, UNO earned its place in the championship match against Freed-Hardeman. The Mavs destroyed Freed-Hardeman 61-34, to bring home the Division II title. Again, Stracke (13 pts) and Mitchell (11) led the team in scoring.

Stracke, who averaged 23 pts for the tournament, was declared the tournament's MVP, and Mitchell's three-day performance earned her a spot on the all-tournament team.

## UNO VS NDSU

The Mavericks (8-1) would find out just how they stacked up against another ranked enemy in the North Central Conference, opening their conference season at home Jan. 2, against No. 3 North Dakota State. UNO faced hard times as they fell 86-73 to NDSU.

"There just was not enough team effort," Coach Buscher said.

The Mavs took an early 4-3 lead, but they were unable to gain control after that. With 17:08 left in the game, Sarah Larson hit a three-pointer to move UNO to within four points. NDSU regained composure and never looked back.

Despite the loss, four Mavs scored in double figures: Stracke (22 points), Kari Kerkhoff (16), Mitchell (11), and Sarah Larson (10).

Kerkhoff grabbed 8 boards to lead UNO. Kim Birkel and Stracke each had 3 steals.

## UNO VS NORTH DAKOTA

The following evening the No. 2 Fighting Sioux came to Omaha to prove why they are three-time defending national champions.

UNO took their second conference loss against North Dakota 101-72.

"Playing No. 2 and No. 3 in the same weekend ... it's tough," Buscher said.

North Dakota's 48.5 shooting percentage proved difficult to stop. UNO fell behind by 13 points with 11:03 to play in the first half. North Dakota led 47-34 at the break.

Early in the second half Kim Birkel hit a jumper to move UNO to within 10 of the Fighting Sioux. UNO's defense tightened and wouldn't allow UNO to come with-



Sarah Larson goes for the steal against the Fighting Sioux.

**Larson Millennial Watch.** Senior center Sarah Larson has climbed past her 1,000th point at UNO. After scoring 14 against Morningside, Larson has tallied 1,004 career points.

in striking distance.

Give credit to North Dakota's defense, who held UNO's All-American and the nation's leading scorer Stracke to 13 points.

Four Mavericks scored in double digits: Birkel topped out with 14 points, Stracke was close behind 13 points, Larson with 11, and Amy Soenen scored 10. Stracke grabbed 8 boards and Larson snatched three steals.

## UNO VS MORNINGSIDE

UNO would pull off their first conference win of the season Jan. 8 when they beat the Mustangs 94-84 in

Allee Gym in Sioux City, Iowa.

UNO found themselves down by seven early in the game, but would lead by a one-point margin at the half.

Stracke's 26 points in the second half would be enough to help the Mavericks pull away from Morningside. She ended the night with 36 points and five steals. Four other Mavs joined her in double figures: Anne Bomstad (16 points), Birkel (15 pts., 10 rebs), Larson (12) and Mitchell (10).

Sunday evening UNO played South Dakota State in Vermillion. Results of this game will be in Friday's edition of the Gateway.

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## Mavs Swimming and Diving Update

**KATIE RATCLIFF**

*Senior Staff Writer*

Here's an update on what transpired over the holiday break:

### Hosting SDU Dec. 9

UNO sunk South Dakota 142-86 at the Health, Physical Education and Recreation pool winning nine of 13 events. Jamie Haferbier set a new school record winning the 200 freestyle (2:00.73). She also took the 200 breaststroke event (2:33.55).

Freshman sensation Breann Haney took honors in the 500 freestyle (5:20.19) and set an NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 4:48.65 in the 400 individual medley.

Freshman Trina Larson won twice as well, swimming a time of 26.14 in the 50 freestyle and 56.65 in the 100 freestyle.

Other winners included: Kim Carder (One-meter dive), Alissa Wysuph (200 butterfly) and Aja Wurth (Three-meter dive).

### UNOmaha Invitational

UNO participated and hosted the three-day UNOmaha Invitational on Dec. 17-19 at the HPER swimming pool on campus. Six women's teams and three men's teams participated in the invite.

UNO placed third in the first annual invitational behind Truman State and Northern Colorado. Truman State's men's and women's teams walked away with both of the first place trophies.

Highlights of the tournament included fourth-place efforts by Alissa Wysuph in the 1,650 freestyle (18:33.49) and Aimee LaFave in the 200-yard butterfly (2:14.90). The 400-yard freestyle relay team of LaFave, Kristy Malone, Trina Larson and Jamie Heferbier placed third in a time of 3:44.05.

### Hosting UNK Jan. 8

UNO wasn't the nicest host of the University of Nebraska at Kearney in front of a crowd of 150 people, but it did come home with first place finishes in all 10 events of the meet.

On Saturday the Lady Mavs swimming and diving team defeated UNK 156-102.

Breann Haney led the team setting a school record in 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 11 minutes, 1.11 seconds. Kim Ferris won in the 100 and 200 breaststroke with times of 1:11.83 and 2:28.15 respectively. Tasha Soby won the 100 backstroke (1:04.39) and the 200 backstroke (2:21.3).

The Mavericks will be idle until Jan. 28 and 29 when they compete in the Washington Invitational.

## Taekwondo Tournament Held at UNO Saturday

**KATIE RATCLIFF**

*Senior Staff Writer*

More than 100 male and female athletes from across the country gathered at UNO this weekend to participate in the National Collegiate Taekwondo Association's U.S. Collegiate Team Trials.

The competition was the third largest taekwondo tournament in the nation behind the Olympic trials and Pan Am games according to a recent press release.

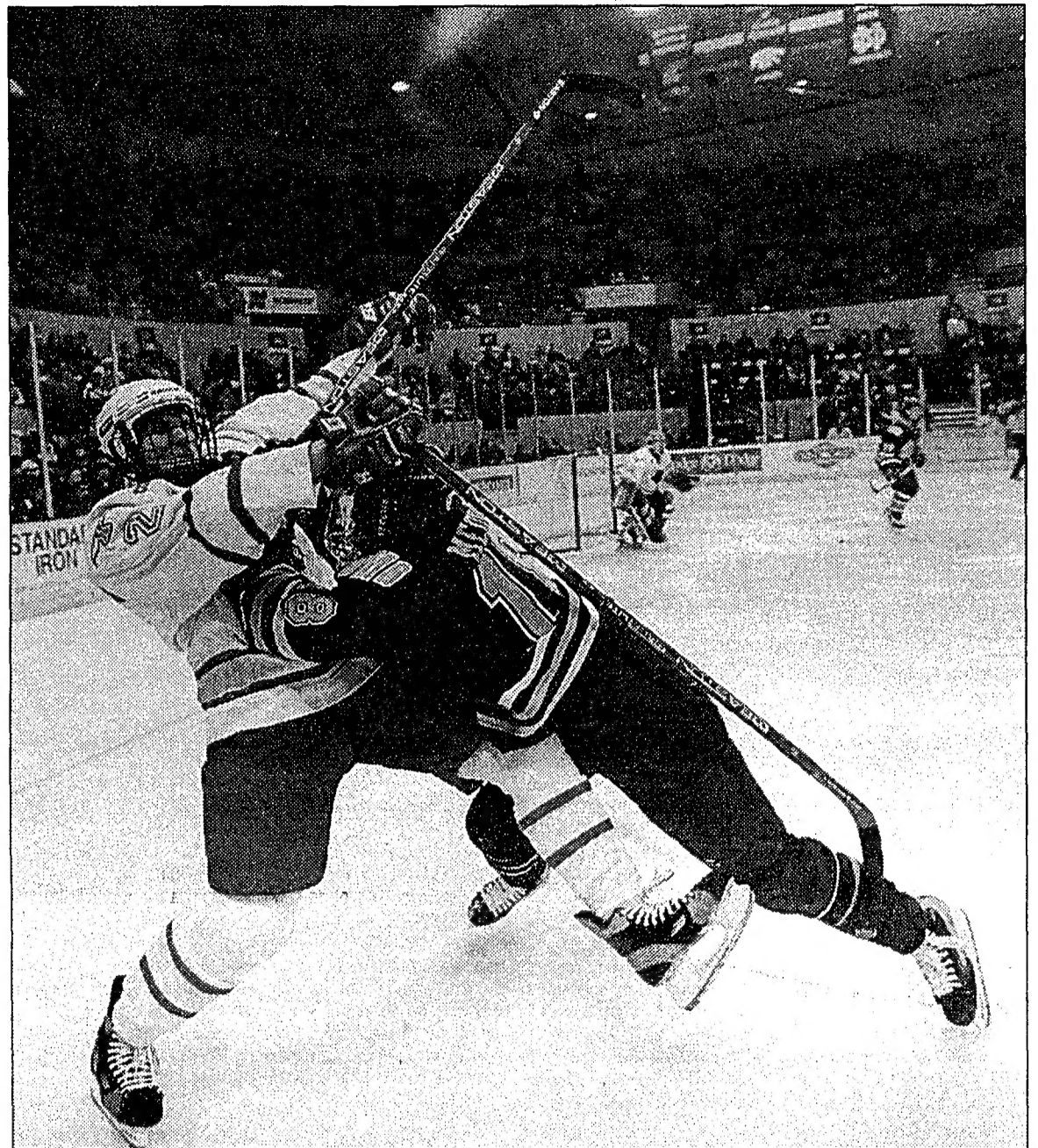
The Office of Campus Recreation at UNO and UNO's Black Belt Association co-hosted the event.

The winners of the tournament move on to the Sixth World University Games which is held in Taiwan on March 28. The public was invited to watch the trials which were held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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## Maverick Hockey Takes Third at Badger Tourney



Dan Samuelson takes the check from University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldog Jedd Medak. UNO split the week-end series against UMD.

**BRIAN BRASHAW**

*Staff Writer*

The best word to describe the play of the Maverick hockey team during the first half of the season is "streaky."

Opening the season with three losses, the Mavericks went on a terror streak of nine games with only one loss (a 4-1-4 record), rising to sixth in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. That streak, however, was followed by another three game free-fall. UNO dropped a road series with Michigan 6-2 and 6-1. During the Friday game, the Mavericks took a 1-0 lead early in the first period but were out-gunned afterward. It was the first time this season the Mavericks lost after having scored first. The Saturday 6-1 loss was eventful if for no other reason than the scuffle Maverick winger James Chalmers had with the nation's leading scorer, Michigan's Mike Comrie. Both were ejected and forced to miss their next games. UNO's second leading scorer, Jeff Hoggan, suffered a knee injury as well in that game and has been kept him out of action indefinitely.

The Mavs ended the first half of the season in style with three impressive games. After a home loss to Minnesota-Duluth on Dec. 17 (their first home loss since the opening Michigan State series), UNO rebounded the following night against the Bulldogs with the first overtime win in the history of the program.

Taking a 2-2 tie into free hockey, Duluth's Jesse Fibiger was called for a roughing penalty. UMD head coach Mike Sertich was so outraged by the rare overtime penalty, he ran onto the ice and charged the referee. Sertich was ejected. UNO only needed one shot from Alan Carr during the penalty advantage to seal the win.

That overtime victory was the perfect booster for the club heading into the Badger Showdown. First up for the

Mavericks in this elite holiday tournament was the Wisconsin Badgers. (UNO head coach Mike Kemp spent 15 seasons as assistant and top recruiter for the Badgers.)

Kemp's impact is still felt in Wisconsin, especially toward UNO. Badger center Steve Reinprecht, who was recruited by Kemp, leads the team in points. He torched the Mavericks in Wisconsin's 6-4 Showdown win accounting for one goal and four assists.

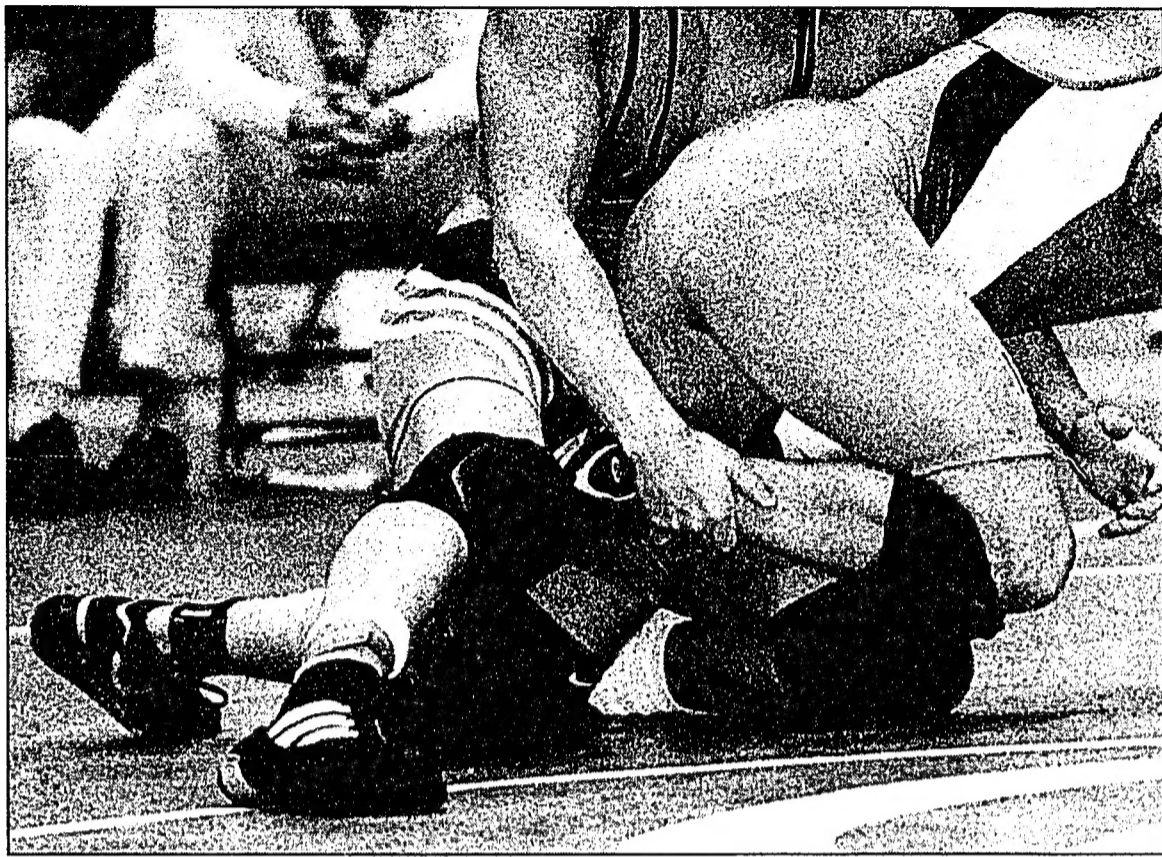
UNO hung tough with Wisconsin, immediately answering the Badger's first two goals. The Mavericks had the lead for a short time when UNO defenseman Zach Scribner registered the team's first short-handed goal of the season. Wisconsin took a 5-3 lead before UNO made things interesting, scoring with 1:38 left in the game. The Mavs kept the pressure on, firing shot after shot at Badger goalie Graham Melanson, but Wisconsin hammered the nail when David Hukalo put in an empty-net goal giving him a hat trick, and the Badgers a 6-4 win.

The Mavericks rallied with an important win the next night over fellow CCHA opponent Miami-Ohio. With the 4-3 win over the Miami Redhawks, UNO claimed the first trophy in the Mavericks history, a third-place cup from the Badger Showdown. For the weekend, Maverick leading scorer Alan Carr registered three goals and one assist (including the game-winner against Miami), to make the All-Tournament team.

"What do you say about Carr? He had a big tournament, came up huge again tonight. The game winner, he battled through two guys, beat two defenders and deked the goaltender, typical of the weekend he had," Head Coach Mike Kemp said.

Unfortunately, the magic dust ran dry for the away series with the University of Denver. Despite carrying much of the play, UNO dropped two more road games 4-

## Mavs Continue Mastery on the Mat



UNO's Brett Robinson (149 lb.) defeats Eric Blewitt of Missouri Valley. The Mavericks are ranked No. 1 in the nation in Division II.

### KATIE RATCLIFF

Senior Staff Writer

After having nearly a month of practices after the University of Nebraska-Kearney open, the UNO wrestling team started out a little rusty in its first competition back against the Bears of Northern Colorado, but finished strong at the Glen Brand Open.

The No. 1-ranked Mavericks hosted UNC on Jan. 5 at UNO where they posted seven of 10 match victories. But the biggest upset came when UNC's Jason Romero defeated Mack La Rock who was undefeated and ranked number one. Romero rallied late in the second period from a 3-1 deficit to win the match 6-4.

The team did get wins from 174-pounder Zach Stalder and 184-pounder Scott Antoniak.

The team defeated its league foes 27-11 to post the dual meet victory.

On Saturday the team was in action again at the Brand Open where all the wrestlers were officially entered unattached.

Maverick Chad Wallace was named Most Outstanding Wrestler of the Open after finishing first in the 197-pound division. He ended the day with a 4-0 record after defeating UNK's Andy Sisteck 7-3.

Mack La Rock, Alan Cartwright, Chris Blair and Scott Antoniak all finished first place in their respective weight classes. Mavericks Pete Koster, John Mitchell, Kurt Bohaboj, Desmond Wilford and Tyrice Ellebb all place second.

The team is back in action on Friday in the Minnesota State at Metro Tournament.

## Peanut Gallery

### DAVID M. JOHNSON

Sports Editor

• Where are all those dimes in the UNO Maverick hockey milk jugs going? The team has announced their chosen charity — The Jamey Dougall Eye Fund. Dougall, a senior at North High School, is an assistant equipment manager at UNO and has been blind since infancy. The dimes will go to fight the condition which caused Jamey's blindness.

• Awards keep pouring in for Mav offensive lineman Chris Bober. Bober was named to the Daktronics NCAA Division II All-American team for the second straight year as well as the Associated Press Little All-America team. He had been named to the American Football Coaches Association All-American team earlier in December.

• Props to Darcy Stracke who was named MVP of the Bahamas Sunshine Shootout.

• Three former Mavs were named to Sports Illustrated's Top 50 Nebraska Athletic Figures list. No. 34 was Marlin Briscoe. No. 46 was Ed Thompson. No. 49 was Roger Sayers.

• NFL MVP Curt Warner made a league-minimum \$250,000 this season, but don't feel bad for him. In appreciation for his incredible performance, the Rams handed him a bonus check for half a million dollars, twice his salary.

• Freshman sensation Breann Haney continues to amaze. She set her second school record Saturday, this time in the 1,000 yard freestyle (11:01.11).

• The Baseball Hall of Fame announces the Class of 2000 today. My vote goes for Carlton Fisk.

• For you winter sports nuts, the European Luge Championships are being held this week in Winterberg, Germany and the World Cup and European Bobsled Championships finish up in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy.

## Sports Trivia

1. Which NFL team has its logo on only one side of its helmet?

2. What do Bob Griese, Hale Irwin, Reggie Jackson, and Martina Navratilova have in common?

3. A "yakker", "yellow hammer", and a "jughandle" are all nicknames for what?

4. Whose autobiography is entitled, I Can't Wait Until Tomorrow, Because I Get Better Looking Every Day?

See answers on back page.

## HOCKEY

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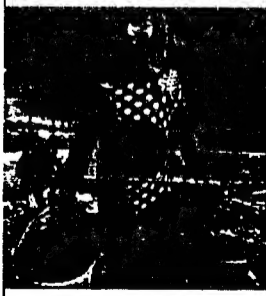
1 and 3-2 against Denver.

If only the Mavericks could play all their games at home. They are 6-3-2 at the Omaha Civic Auditorium this year with two of those losses coming from nation-

ally-ranked Michigan State. Speaking of the Spartans, UNO will end its road trip in Lansing, Mich. when it faces Michigan State next weekend.

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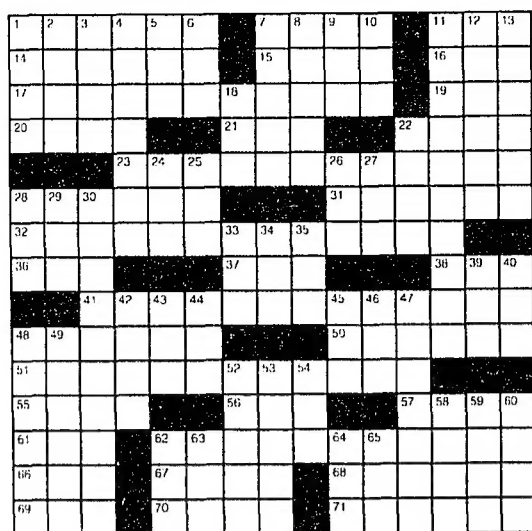
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 16 Trains on trestles  
 17 Deviation  
 19 ... Cruces, NM  
 20 Craving  
 21 Journalist Hentoff  
 22 Spouse  
 23 Into a state of ruin  
 28 Goddess of wisdom  
 31 Turning parts  
 32 Eventually  
 36 Part of HIRH  
 37 Pursue with passion  
 38 ... been had!  
 41 Financial backer  
 48 Multi-speaker system  
 50 ... than life  
 51 Dawdled  
 55 Small vipers  
 56 Scottish river  
 57 Big barrels  
 61 Half a fly?  
 62 One of Twelve Apostles  
 66 End of cash?  
 67 Successful strikes  
 68 Tropical fruit  
 69 Jeff. Davis' nation  
 70 What ... can I say?  
 71 Gems

**DOWN**  
 1 Oxen pair  
 2 River of Hamburg  
 3 Air  
 4 Pressed underfoot  
 5 Hearing organ  
 6 Shade tree  
 7 Wet impact  
 8 Artist Haring  
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 10 Ironic  
 11 Harping on  
 12 Click beetle



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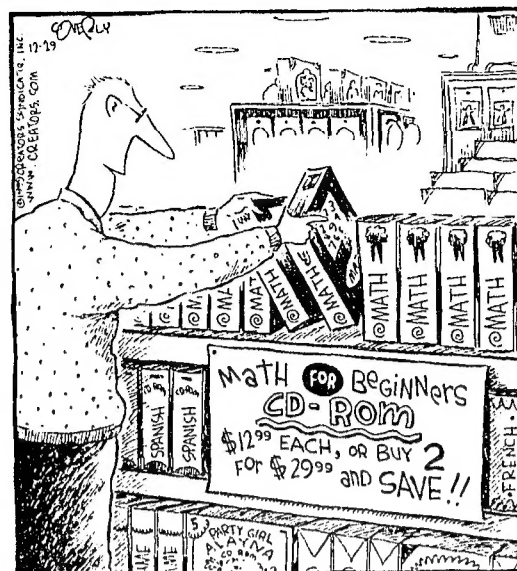
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 58 Sillitoe or Bates "Frontline"  
 59 Pitchfork point 65 Occupation  
 60 Hot tubs indicator?

### SPEED BUMP

Dave Coverly



## Answers to Sports Trivia

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1. Pittsburgh Steelers
2. They all wore glasses while playing
3. A curveball
4. Joe Namath

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